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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FIRST PERSON NOTE FROM SECRETARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO AMBASSADOR DELIVERED APRIL 8:

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MANILA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

5 APRIL 1974

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

AS YOU ARE AWARE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES HAD CONTRACTED TO OBTAIN
THE FIRST OF ITS TWO (2) DC-10 AIRCRAFT BY MID-SUMMER. IT IS EXPECTED
THAT THE AIRPLANE WILL BE PUT INTO OPERATION ON OR ABOUT JULY 15,
1974.

UNDER THE RULES OF THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD IT IS NECESSARY
FOR

PAL TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF THAT BOARD BEFORE SERVICE FOR THIS NEW TYPE
OF EQUIPMENT MAY BE INAUGURATED. I AM ENCLOSING HERewith A COPY OF
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A NOTE VERBALE WHICH I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR CHARGE D' AFFAIRES IN

WASHINGTON TO DELIVER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE SETTING FORTH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

WHEN YOU READ THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE REASON FOR OUR CONCERN. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT MR. JOHN S. MEADOWS, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, HAS INDICATED THAT STATE WILL URGE THE DISAPPROVAL OF THE INAUGURATION OF SCHEDULES USING THIS EQUIPMENT. TO DENY THE SOLE PHILIPPINE CARRIER THE RIGHT TO USE WIDE BODY AIRCRAFT WHEN BOTH U.S. PASSENGER OPERATORS FLYING TO THE PHILIPPINES UTILIZE SUCH EQUIPMENT WOULD BE GROSSLY UNFAIR.

MAY I ASK THEREFORE THAT YOU USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASCERTAIN ITS POSITION ON THIS VITAL MATTER TO THE PHILIPPINE FLAG CARRIER AND TO ENLIST YOUR ASSISTANCE AND ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE END THAT THE PROPOSED OPERATION BY THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES OF THE FIRST OF ITS DC-10 EQUIPMENT IS FAVORABLY CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE USCAB.

I KNOW THAT WE CAN RELY ON YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT SO FREQUENTLY DEMONSTRATED IN THE PAST AND THE SENSE OF FAIRNESS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

WITH THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, I AM

SINCERELY,

SIGNATURE
SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

HIS EXCELLENCY
WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
PHILIPPINES.
SULLIVAN

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